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Fitzsimons, F. W. THE NATURAL HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICA. MAMMALS. Vol. I, pp. i-xix, 1-178, 51 plates; Vol. II, pp. i-xi, 1-195, 48 plates. London; Longmans, Green and Co., 1919.

The director of the Port Elizabeth Museum has given us a much needed work on the life-histories of the mammals of a region of very great interest. Based on long years of actual observation, his accounts of the various species, many of which are rapidly disappearing before the advance of settlement, are of more than usual completeness, and are presented in an entertaining style. The first volume includes the primates, bats, and Felidae; the second contains accounts of the Viverridae, the aard-wolf, hyenas, Canidae, Mustelidae, and the Cape sealion. A systematic index precedes and an outline of classification of the forms dealt with closes each volume. The main body of the text is decidedly popular and some of the biographies are extensive, that of the chaema including 40 pages. Well-selected anecdotes, usually based on first-hand experiences, help to complete the pictures of the homes, lives, and characteristics of the animals. The author's keen sympathy with wild creatures is evident throughout the work; extermination apparently necessary is deplored, and useless killing is condemned. The classification adopted, while in the main modern, is, in one place, curiously antiquated; the bat genera *Taphozous*, *Nyctinomus*, *Mormopterus*, and *Chærephon* being included in the family Vespertilionidae. It is to be regretted that the International Code has not been followed strictly in the selection of names. In works for popular use these matters often are slighted, but there, if anywhere, they should be painstakingly correct; and differences in opinion might well be explained. It is presumed that the remaining volumes will include the rodents and ungulates, and naturalists interested in the wondrous animal life of South Africa will look forward with pleasure to their appearance.

—N. Hollister.

Rathbun, Mary J. REPORT OF THE CANADIAN ARCTIC EXPEDITION, 1913-18. VOL. VII: CRUSTACEA. PART A: DECAPOD CRUSTACEANS. Southern Party—1913-16, pp. 1-14D. Ottawa, August 18, 1919.

In this paper Miss Rathbun, listing the decapod crustaceans collected by the expedition, identifies the following species taken from the stomachs of the bearded seal, *Erignathus barbatus* (Erxleben), and common rough seal, *Phoca hispida* Schreber:

Spirontocaris grænlandica (J. C. Fabricius) from *E. barbatus*.

Spirontocaris spina (Sowerby) from *P. hispida* and *E. barbatus*.

Spirontocaris phippsii (Kröyer) from *E. barbatus*.

Spirontocaris polaris (Sabine) from *E. barbatus*.

Sclerocrangon boreas (Phipps) from *E. barbatus*.

Sabinea septemcarinata Sabine from *E. barbatus* and *Phoca foetida* (*hispida*).

—R. M. Anderson.

Dall, William Healey. REPORT OF THE CANADIAN ARCTIC EXPEDITION, 1913-18. VOLUME VIII: MOLLUSKS, ECHINODERMS, COELENTERATES, ETC. Part A: MOLLUSKS, RECENT AND PLEISTOCENE. Southern Party—1913-16, pp. 1-30A. Ottawa, September 24, 1919.

In this paper Dr. W. H. Dall, honorary curator of mollusks, United States National Museum, in describing the mollusks collected by the expedition, iden-

tifies the following species taken from the stomachs of bearded seal, *Erignathus barbatus* (Erxleben), taken at Bernard harbour, Dolphin and Union Strait, Northwest Territories: *Margarites helicinus* Fabricius, *Musculus lavigatus* Gray, *Saxicava arctica* Linné, *Cylichna* sp. (fragment), opercula of *Buccinum* sp. indet., ovicapsules of *Buccinum* sp., *Utriculus* sp. (fragments), *Margarites sordidus* Hancock (fragments), molluscan egg capsules, egg capsules of unknown gastropods.

—R. M. Anderson.

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EARNSHAW, FRANK L. See Lawyer, Geo. A., and Frank L. Earnshaw.

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GIDLEY, JAMES WILLIAMS. Pleistocene peccaries from the Cumberland cave deposit. *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.*, vol. 57, pp. 651-678; figs. 1-13; plates 54-55. 1920. (Revised definitions for the families *Suidæ* and *Tayassuidæ*, and the genera of peccaries. Describes two new species each of *Platygonus* and *Mylohyus*.)

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HINTON, MARTIN A. C. Three new mammals from northern Rhodesia. *Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist.*, ser. 9, vol. 6, pp. 239-242. August, 1920. (Describes *Mimetillus thomasi*, *Kerivoula lucia*, and *Zelotomys shortridgei*.)

HINTON, MARTIN A. C., AND P. S. KERSHAW. On a collection of mammals from the Dinka country, Bahr-el-Djebel. Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., ser. 9, vol. 6, pp. 94-101. July, 1920. (New: *Taterona benvenuta*, *T. b. lucia*, and *Acomys wilsoni argillaceus*.)

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